

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:353
ANSWERED ON:14.08.2003
NEWS BROADCAST
HOLKHOMANG HAOKIP

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the languages which are being broadcast by the News Services Division (NSD), AIR as of now;
- (b) whether all the VIII Schedule languages are included in the news broadcast of NSD, AIR;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the criteria for the selection of a language for broadcasting by NSD, AIR?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT AS REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 353 FOR ANSWER ON 14.08.2003

(a) & (b): Prasara Bharati has informed that the News Services Division of AIR puts out news bulletins in 65 Indian languages/dialects and 15 foreign languages, including English, daily from its headquarters in Delhi and its Regional News Units (RNU) for the listeners in the country and abroad. A list of the same is given in Annexure.

(c): Does not arise.

(d): The selection of the languages depends upon the number of listeners of the language/dialect, availability of infrastructure facilities, manpower and funds.

ANNEXURE

Annexure referred to in reply to the parts (a) & (b) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 353 for answer on 14.08.2003.

LIST OF LANGUAGES/DIALECTS IN WHICH NEWS BULLETINS ARE BEING MOUNTED BY THE NEWS SERVICES DIVISION

LIST OF INDIAN LANGUAGES/DIALECTS

1 Arunachali 26 Bodo 51 Nyishi

2. Assamese 27 Chakhesang 52 Nocte
3 Bengali 28 Chang 53 Paite
4 Dogri 29 Dimas 54 Phom
5 Gujarati 30 Garo 55 Rajasthani
6 Hindi 31 Gojri 56 Rengma
7 Kannada 32 Hmar 57 Sangtam
8 Kashmiri 33 Idu 58 Sema
9 Konkani 34 Jaintia 59 Tagin
10 Malayalam 35 Kabui 60 Tangsa
11 Manipuri 36 Karbi 61 Thadou
12 Marathi 37 Khampti 62 Tangkhul
13 Nepali 38 Khasi 63 Wancho
14 Oriya 39 Khiamnugam 64 Yimchungru
15 Punjabi 40 Kokborak 65 Zeliang
16 Sanskrit 41 Konyak
17 Sindhi 42 Kuki
18 Tamil 43 Ladakhi
19 Telugu 44 Lepcha
20 Urdu 45 Lotha
21 Adi 46 Mahal

22 Angami 47 Mao
23 AO 48 Mizo
24 Apatani 49 Mizu Mishmi
25 Balti 50 Nagamese

Foreign Languages

1 Arabic
2 Baluchi
3 Burmese

4 Chinese
5 Dari
6 English
7 French
8 Indonesian
9 Persian
10 Pushtu
11 Russian
12 Sinhala
13 Swahili
14 Thai
15 Tibetan